

REMARKS

In the current and final Office Action, claims 33-42, 47, and 54 were allowed. Claims 1-32, 43-46, 48-53, and 55-73 were rejected "under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manning (USPN 6,288,954) in view of Kajigaya et al. (USPN 5,426,616)."

In summary, after the Final Office Action:

Claims 1-32, 43-46, 48-53, and 55-73 were rejected.

Claims 33-42, 47, and 54 were allowed.

Applicants continue to respectfully disagree with the propriety of the rejections of claims 1-32, 43-46, 48-53, and 55-73. Nevertheless, to advance the prosecution of the instant Application, to facilitate the complete allowance thereof, and to expedite its ultimate issuance as a U.S. Patent, claims 1-32, 43-46, 48-53, and 55-73 have been canceled. However, Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims and the subject matters thereof in one or more subsequent continuing applications.

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2 In summary, after entering this Second Reply:

3 Claims 1-32, 43-46, 48-53, and 55-73 are canceled.

4 Claims 33-42, 47, and 54 are pending.

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6 Consequently, all pending claims 33-42, 47, and 54 are now allowable.
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 33-42, 47, and 54 have been allowed, so allowance of the instant Application is hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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